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In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
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METHOD OF DISK ARRAY DEVICE )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as outlined  
hereinbelow: